

Membership

Membership in the Beaver Cooperative is available to any trapper or landowner who is a bona fide resident of the State of Mississippi. Just complete the following membership application and send it, along with a check or money order to:

The Beaver Cooperative Association

Route 1, Box 2
Sturgis, Mississippi 39769
(601) 465-7437

Membership Application Form

I hereby apply for _____ shares of the Common Stock/Preferred Stock of the Beaver Cooperative Association and a check or money order payable to the **Beaver Cooperative Association** for \$ _____ for said membership is enclosed.

I certify that I am a bona fide resident of the State of Mississippi, and that said stock is not purchased for resale out of the State of Mississippi. I further agree to surrender to the Cooperative at par value any Certificates that I hold should I for any reason cease to be a bona fide resident of the State of Mississippi.

Check Type of Membership

- () Class I, Farmer or Timber Producer (\$10 per share, \$50 minimum purchase required)
- () Class II, Trapper (\$10 per share, \$50 minimum purchase required)
- () Preferred (\$100 per share; up to 6% dividend, non-cumulative, non-voting)

Certificates of Membership to be issued and registered as follows:

and mailed to	_____	(NAME)
	_____	(NAME)
	_____	(ADDRESS)
	_____	(CITY)
	_____	Miss. _____ (ZIP CODE)
	_____	(PHONE)
	_____	(SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER)
	_____	(SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT)

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General Characteristics of Beaver Cooperative Association Common Stock

Minimum: Membership in the Association requires a 5 share (\$50) minimum stock purchase of either Class I or Class II stock.

Voting: Each shareholder has one vote on each matter brought before the membership for a vote.

Limited: One shareholder may not own more than 5% of the outstanding shares.

Transferrals: The stock may be transferred only on the books of the Association.

Patronage Refunds: At the end of the fiscal year, excess income attributed to the patronage of shareholders may be allocated and refunded to each shareholder-patron in proportion to the dollar value of his patronage during the year.

Dividends: Excess income derived from sources other than shareholder patronage may be paid as dividends on stock.

General Characteristics of Beaver Cooperative Association Preferred Stock

Par Value: \$100.00 Per Share

Voting: Beaver Cooperative Association Preferred Stock is non-voting.

Transferrals: The stock may be transferred only on the books of the Association.

Dividends: At the end of the fiscal year, the Board of Directors may authorize the payment of a 6% dividend on the Beaver Cooperative Association preferred stock. The Board of Directors must pay a 6% dividend on preferred stock before any dividends may be paid on any other class of stock. Dividends on preferred stock are non-cumulative.

Beaver Cooperative



Beaver Management and Control

Beavers

By 1976, Mississippi's expanding beaver population had inundated tens of thousands of acres of land and had destroyed millions of dollars worth of timber and crops at a cost to the state's economy of over one hundred million dollars. A number of government agencies and private organizations formed a committee to study ways to combat this growing problem.

The committee determined that beavers had once been successfully controlled by trapping and had only become a problem when beaver trapping had been restricted. It was concluded that higher beaver pelt prices would once again lead to increased trapping and would eventually bring the beavers under control. As a result of the efforts of the beaver control committee, the Beaver Cooperative was chartered on October 14, 1977.

The Beaver Cooperative

The Beaver Cooperative Association is member owned and operated and is financed through the sale of common and preferred stock. Its business and affairs are regulated by a fourteen member Board of Directors elected by the owners of the common stock of the Association.

The Cooperative provides its members with beaver control at the lowest possible cost by collecting, processing and marketing beaver pelts for its members; by supplying its members with beaver traps at reduced prices; and by providing custom beaver control for members.

Since being organized, the association has successfully processed and marketed thousands of beavers, and has grown from its original 83 members to its current membership of 1,200 persons. In addition, the Cooperative has established a 14,400 square foot processing plant in Sturgis, Mississippi, which has been valued at over \$300,000.



from these pelts. Both the tannery and fur manufacturing plant are located in the Beaver Cooperative building. Through this effort the beaver can be carried from the raw product to a finished fur garment.

During the open season for trapping furbearing animals in Mississippi (normally between the 1st of December and mid-February), the Cooperative processes and markets beavers and other fur pelts delivered to the processing plant located at Sturgis or to one of the collection points located in each county with \$2,000 or more in stock sales. Each member is eligible for patronage refunds based on the dollar value of the fur he markets through the Cooperative. The location of the collection points, pelt prices and the procedures for marketing furs through the Cooperative are published just prior to each trapping season.



In the endeavor to make the beaverpelt more profitable for the trapper in Mississippi and to encourage the trapping of beavers to relieve the damage for landowners and timber owners, the Cooperative is working in conjunction with a fur garment manufacturing business and tannery for tanning fur pelts and the manufacture of fur garments from the fur pelts of Mississippi. Individuals supplying their own skins may have the finished garments made

From May through November of each year, the Cooperative removes beavers and beaver dams from property and performs other beaver control work as required. The cost to the landowner of these beaver control services varies with the nature and scope of each project. Members having work done are eligible to participate in patronage refunds based on the price of the project.



The Beaver Cooperative maintains a stock of beaver trapping supplies for sale. The association also furnishes information on beaver trapping to both members and non-members.

Any trapper or landowner who is a resident of the State of Mississippi may become a member of the Beaver Cooperative Association by purchasing the common stock of the Association. In addition, Mississippians, who are not trappers or landowners may support the Cooperative by purchasing its preferred stock.



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HOW TO GET TOP DOLLAR FOR YOUR FUR PELTS

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BEAVER COOPERATIVE
ROUTE 1, BOX 2
STURGIS, MS. 39769
PHONE: 465-7437

*Chuck
Barrett*

FELLOW TRAPPERS:

"We Buy Beaver Castors
and Oil Sacs."

As all of us are well aware of, the frost has arrived and cold weather is creeping in. Trapping season is near and the excitement increases with the passing of each day.

The Beaver Cooperative will this year be paying top dollars for all species of fur pelts according to the World Market. We have a strong hold on the World Market this year with requests for large volumes of all species of fur from our area. Demand seems excellent for items such as raccoon, mink, beaver and red fox, with the other furs holding their own except for opossum.

The Cooperative is a trapper and landowner member owned organization with each member sharing in profits to be made. As a member, you will not only get top dollar for furs, but you can share in the end of each years profits, a benefit not offered by other companies or fur buyers. Should you choose not to become a member, you can still sell your fur to the Cooperative receiving the same good prices for each piece of fur.

The Cooperative will this year buy your fur green (skinned out and frozen) until time to sell or raw (stretched and dried). We will only buy whole animals here at the plant. Myself or one of the other Co_Op representatives will be in your area to buy during the season. Location and time will be given closer to the season.

YOU WILL BE PAID ON THE SPOT WITH NO COMMISSIONS TO PAY AND NO CONSIGNMENT. The Cooperative is dedicated to conservation and the proper management of our fur resources. We stress landowner-trapper relationship and work hard to fight any legislation against trapping and hunting.

The Cooperative sells trap supplies and will ship C.O.D.

A Tannery is now set up at the Cooperative for tanning fur skins and other items such as deerskins for the public.

The world of fur is wide open for a large fur operation in the area with the Cooperative acting as a gathering point for all trappers in Mississippi to be the ones to benefit. We hope to have the opportunity to show you this year as a member or a non-member the excellent prices that you can make on your fur pelts, with excellent over-all averages.

If further information is needed, please feel free to write call or come by for a visit as it could mean extra DOLLARS for you.

YOURS FOR BETTER TRAPPING.

Johnny Bradford
Johnny Bradford, Fur Manager

P. S. Enclosed is a brochure with a membership application on the back. I urge you to join and be a member-owner of the organization with a vote in its business and operation.

L. L. Mullins Sr.
L. L. Mullins, Sr., General Manager

BeCA Furs
RT. 1, BOX 2
STURGIS, MS. 39769

BeCA Furs offers the fur trapper, landowner and fur dealer the opportunity to have a custom made fur garment from your own fur pelts. You may choose a style from our current brochure or we can work from a photograph of a different style you may desire. We have your pelts tanned and make the finest garment possible to your specifications, ready to wear. BeCA manufactures everything from full length coats to men's caps with every order given special individual attention. Special orders will be quoted a price upon request.

Select only the finest skins available, poor quality pelts cannot be used, also match carefully for closeness in color. Cased skins may be split for matching. Beaver vests require XL size only, caps require small or medium. For beaver coats and jackets, send LM, L and XL raw pelts. Raw pelts may be shipped either UPS or Parcel Post.

WOMEN'S JACKETS & COATS WITH NOTCH OR ROLL COLLAR:
STRAIGHT CUT OR FITTED WAISTLINE

<u>TYPE GARMENT</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u># PELTS REQUIRED</u>
Beaver		
sheared 30"	\$735	10
sheared 47"	\$825	15
sheared stole	\$325	5
• natural 30"	\$595	10
natural 47"	\$745	15
Muskrat 30"	\$695	40-45
Mink 30"	\$695	35-40
Otter 30"	\$595	9
Otter 47"	\$655	12
Raccoon 30"	\$650	25
Raccoon 47"	\$725	35
Fox (Red or Gray) 30"	\$575	12
Coyote 30"	\$425	8
Opposum 30"	\$455	30-35
Bobcat 30"	\$595	10
Nutria	\$425	25-30

KNIT & FUR JACKETS (knit in grey, light or dark brown or black)

Beaver natural	\$285	5
sheared	\$295	5
Fox	\$255	6
Raccoon	\$245	9
Otter	\$295	4
Mink	\$375	15
Coyote	\$310	4

(see back for Vest and Hats)

MENS & WOMEN'SCOST# OF PELTSVESTSBEAVER

natural	\$155.00	3 XL
sheared reversible/suede	\$225.00	3 XL
Raccoon	\$145.00	12
Coyote	\$145.00	4
Fox	\$155.00	5
Bobcat	\$165.00	3
Muskrat	\$145.00	20
Mink	\$145.00	15

HATSRussian

Beaver	\$ 55.00	1
Otter	\$ 55.00	1
Mink	\$ 50.00	4
Muskrat	\$ 50.00	3

Trooper

Mink	\$ 45.00	2
Muskrat	\$ 45.00	3
All Other Furs	\$ 45.00	1 M

HATBANDS

Beaver	\$ 7.00 ea.	3 to 5 bands/skin
Otter	\$ 7.00 ea.	3 to 5 bands/skin
Other Furs	\$ 5.00 ea.	2 to 3 bands/skin

MUFF

Beaver (sheared)	\$ 45.00	1
Otter (sheared or natural)	\$ 45.00	1

SCARF

Beaver (sheared)	\$ 85.00	2
Otter (sheared or natural)	\$ 85.00	2
Other Furs	\$135.00	5 to 10

PILLOWS

	\$ 35.00	1 to 5
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